

CAL GRANT A&B

High School Entitlement Program

This document presents aggregate demographic data about the 2020-21 High School Entitlement Cal Grant A and B new paid recipients. Total High School Entitlement new paid recipients: 85,781

Entitlement Cal Grant A awards provided funds toward tuition and mandatory systemwide fees of up to \$12,570. Entitlement Cal Grant B awards provided \$1,656 in funds toward living expenses in the first year, and \$1,656 in living expenses plus tuition and mandatory system-wide fees of up to \$12,570 beginning in the second year of eligibility.

Senate Bill 1644 (Chapter 403, Statutes of 2000), guarantees an Entitlement Cal Grant A or B award to every graduating high school senior who has financial need and who is academically eligible. This guarantee moved California closer to making college accessible and affordable for all those who wish to seek a postsecondary education.

For the 2020-21 March 2nd Entitlement award application deadline, the applicant pool included recent high school graduates, as well as those who graduated in 2018-19 and did not receive a Cal Grant award. Dream Act students who met specified criteria were eligible to apply for Entitlement Cal Grant awards, as authorized by Chapter 604, Statutes of 2011, and used the California Dream Act Application to apply.

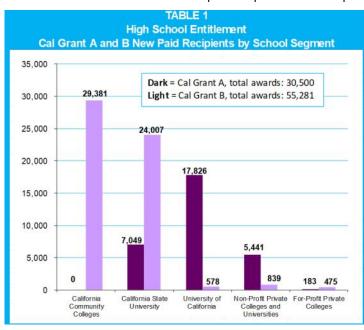
The data in this report reflect the 2020-21 High School Entitlement (Entitlement) Cal Grant A and B new paid recipients. Paid Recip-

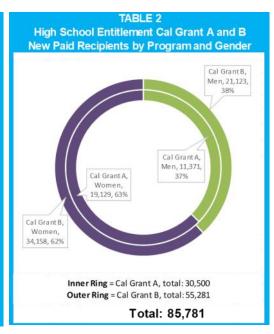
ients are those who applied for Entitlement Cal Grant awards, met statutory requirements and were offered awards, attended Cal Grant participating institutions, and received payment.

For 2020-21, 162,417 students were offered new Entitlement Cal Grant A and B awards which included 51,509 Cal Grant A awards and 110,908 Cal Grant B awards. Of the 162,417 new offered awardees, 85,781 (52.8%) actually used their awards and became Paid Recipients. Of the 85,781, 30,500 (36%) were in the Entitlement Cal Grant A program and 55,281 (64%) were in the Entitlement Cal Grant B program.

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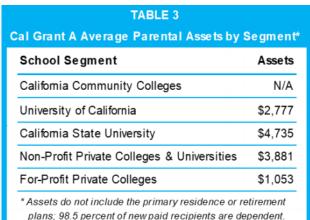
- About 97% (53,388 of 59,609) of Paid Recipients in the Entitlement Cal Grant B program, which serves the lowest-income students, attended either a California Community College (CCC) or a California State University (CSU). 58% (17,826 of 30,500) Paid Recipients of Entitlement Cal Grant A attended a University of California (UC) (Table 1).
- The average income for Entitlement Cal Grant B students was \$26,138 with a family size of 4.3. The 2020 poverty line for a family of 4 is \$26,200 (Table 14, p.4).

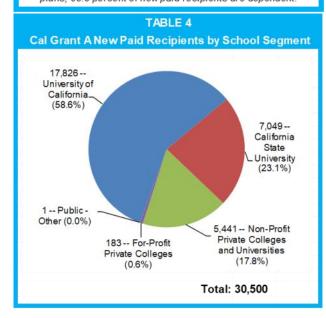


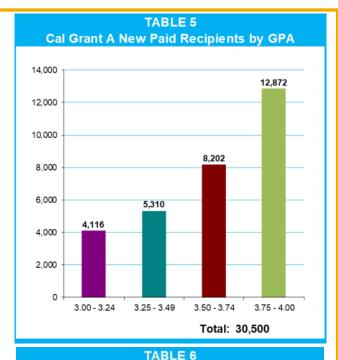


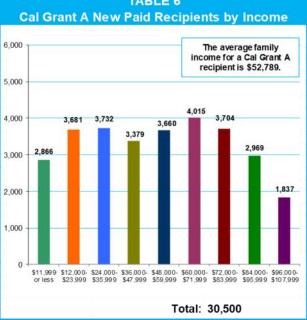
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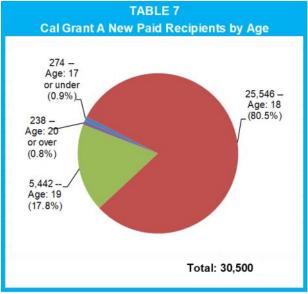
Award requirements include financial eligibility, a minimum 3.0 grade point average (GPA) and graduation from high school primarily in 2019-20, or 2018-19 for those who did not receive a Cal Grant award in the year immediately following high school graduation. Cal Grant A awards provide for full tuition and system-wide fees at the California State University (\$5,742) and the University of California (\$12,570), as well as tuition support at independent California colleges and universities (\$9,084), private for-profit institutions accredited by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (\$8,056), and private for-profit colleges (\$4,000). The following charts include data on High School Entitlement Cal Grant A new paid recipients by: school segment, GPA, income, and age.











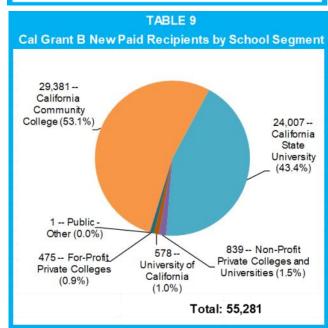
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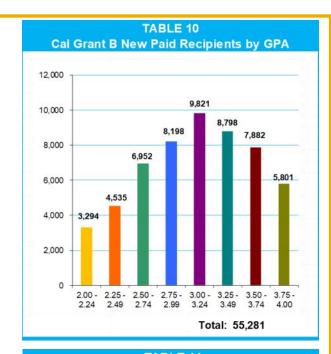


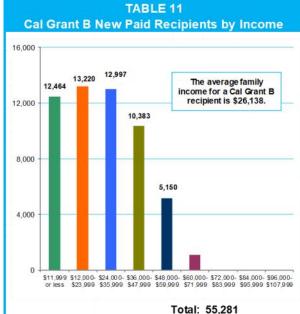
Award requirements include financial eligibility, a minimum 2.0 GPA and graduation from high school primarily in 2019-20, or 2018-19 for those who did not receive a Cal Grant award in the year immediately following high school graduation. Cal Grant B awards provide up to \$1,656 for books and living expenses for first-year students. Beginning with the recipient's second year of attendance, Cal Grant B awards also help pay for tuition and fees at public and independent four-year colleges or other qualifying institutions. The following charts include data on High School Entitlement Cal Grant B new paid recipients by: school segment, GPA, income, and age.

TABLE 8 Cal Grant B Average Parental Assets by Segment* School Segment Assets California Community Colleges \$407 University of California \$2,082 California State University \$429 Non-Profit Private Colleges & Universities \$1,364 For-Profit Private Colleges \$439

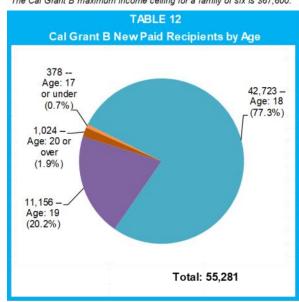
^{*} Assets do not include the primary residence or retirement plans; 95.5 percent of new paid recipients are dependent.







The Cal Grant B maximum income ceiling for a family of six is \$67,600.



About the New Paid Recipients

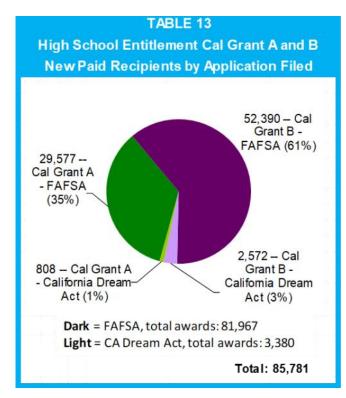
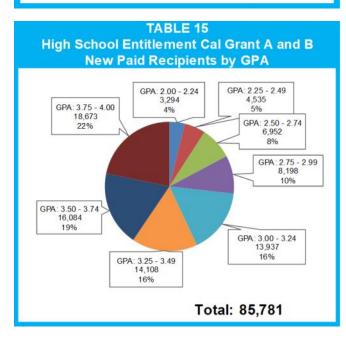


TABLE 14 Typical New Paid Recipient			
	Income	GPA	Family Size
Cal Grant A	\$52,789	3.63	4.3
Cal Grant B	\$26,138	3.09	4.3
All (Cal Grant A & B)	\$35,614	3.28	4.3



About the Applicants

Applicants must meet multiple criteria to qualify. Submitting both the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) or the California Dream Act Application and the Cal Grant GPA Verification Form is the first step for students to be considered for a High School Entitlement award. Of the 247,739 students who were successful in completing this first step, 11,880 did not qualify for the Cal Grant program for various reasons. The remaining 235,859 applicants were matched against the program's financial criteria, and 162,417 were offered a High School Entitlement Cal Grant. Of the 162,417 offered awardees, 85,781 attended an eligible Cal Grant participating institution and became Paid Recipients, including 30,500 in the Entitlement Cal Grant A program and 55,281 in the Entitlement Cal Grant B program.

- 64% (52,390 of 81,967) of FAFSA filers received a Cal Grant B compared to 76% (2,572 of 3,390) of Dream Act filers (Table 13).
- The minimum GPA for High School Entitlement Cal Grant B is 2.00, but 58% (32,302 of 55,281) of Cal Grant B recipients had a GPA of at least 3.00 (Table 10, p.3).



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